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RESTRUCTURING CLOSING DOWN OF INSTITUTIONS BY CSIR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR had decided to restructure some of its institutions and close down some centers ;

(b) if so, the names of institutions which are likely to be restructured/closed down; and

(c) the reasons for taking such a step by CSIR ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : Yes Sir, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) is restructuring two of its Delhi based Institutions namely National Institute of Science Communication (NISCOM) and Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre (INSDOC) by merging them into a single entity and closing or merging forty seven outreach Centres.

(c) : The restructuring is based on a detailed review carried out by two expert Committees set up by CSIR; the first pertaining to INSDOC and NISCOM and the second to the CSIR outreach Centres. The First Committee recommended the merger of the two institutes in order to dovetail & synergise their core competencies and the infrastructural facilities. The second Committee recommended the continuation of nearly half the centers and closure/merger of the remaining ones based on the assessment of each center with reference to its resources base, performance, output strength, weakness, opportunities, threats, relevance and utility in the present and future context.